

IN THE CLAIMS:

Would the Office kindly amend the claims as follows:

1.(currently amended) In a tractor trailer having a tractor unit and a trailer unit, and wherein said tractor unit includes an internal combustion engine, said trailer unit having a plurality of axles each having wheels thereon, the improvement comprising electric drive means for driving the wheels on at least one of said axles, batteries operatively connected to said electric drive means, said batteries being mounted on said tractor unit, a generator for charging said batteries and a control system for operating said means for driving said wheels.

2-3(cancelled)

4.(currently amended) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said electric drive means comprise electric motors ~~[[are]]~~ associated with said wheels on a plurality of axles.

5.(cancelled)

6.(currently amended) The improvement of Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 4 wherein said electric motors include regenerative braking capability .

7.(new) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said electric drive means comprise a plurality of electric motors, each electric motor being operative to drive a single wheel of said trailer unit.